

SIMPSON VOTE INQUIRY DEMANDED

Axelrod Urges Prosecutor to Take Action

By ROBERT M. GRANNIS

Charges that Alexander Simpson, state senator and Hall-Mills prosecutor, registered and voted illegally in the last election were placed in the hands of Prosecutor John Milton in Hudson county today, with a request for immediate investigation and correction.

Spurred into action by revelations in The GRAPHIC yesterday that Frank B. Chapman, Republican challenger, questioned the legality of Simpson's vote, Alfred Axelrod, a resident of West New York, N. J., has written a letter to Prosecutor Milton setting forth information in his possession. Chapman's statement says that Senator Simpson does not live at the Elks Club in Jersey City, the place of residence he used for registration and voting purposes on November 2.

Asks Investigation

Axelrod declares that he feels it his duty to lay these facts before Mr. Milton, on the ground that the



ALFRED AXELROD

voters of Hudson county are entitled to know why Thomas A. McDonald, superintendent of elections, failed to investigate Chapman's challenge at election time.

The full text of the letter follows:

"My attention has been called by a story in The GRAPHIC to a situation which to my mind needs immediate investigation and correction. I am referring to the case of State Senator Alexander Simpson, prosecutor in the Hall-Mills case, who according to Frank B. Chapman, Republican challenger, registered and voted illegally in the last election.

Sailed by Signals

"Senator Simpson, I am informed, in his dominating way sailed right by all signals set to block his vote, creating the impression at the polls that there was some kind of a provision by which he might vote if he received mail at the address he used for registration purposes. It is clear to me and certainly to you as prosecutor that there is no such provision in the election law.

"Since the matter was referred

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Jersey Condemns Simpson For 'Persecution' of Halls

New Jersey newspapers are united today in condemning the conduct of Senator Alexander Simpson, special prosecutor in the Hall-Mills case, and the New York Mirror.

"Long before the Hall-Mills trial was half over," states the Newark Sunday Call, "it was evident to every open-minded observer that the defendants were not the objects of prosecution, but the victims of persecution. A New York gutter tabloid, desperately in need of circulation and utterly conscienceless as to the means of obtaining it, dug up a scandal that had almost been forgotten. . . . Every resource of the state was exhausted in the effort to discover something that might connect the three defendants with the crime. . . . Realization that he had failed ingloriously sent Special Prosecutor Simpson into hysterical rage and he endeavored to have the court declare a mistrial on the strength of a lot of tittle-tattle. . . ."

The Newark Evening News asserts:

"The Hall-Mills murder trial ends without solving the mystery and with deplorable damage to the reputation of Jersey justice. . . . Senator Simpson's whole procedure . . . has provoked righteous criticism. . . . Even before the case came to trial he adopted a policy of sensational theatricalism, contrary to the highest traditions of the American bar.

This has been continued throughout the trial, which became one of the most monstrous pieces of hippodroming in the history of American jurisprudence."

The Unionist-Gazette, of Somerset county, sets forth:

"It looks as if the house of cards built by Special Prosecutor Simpson on the Hall-Mills case was falling about his head. When the special prosecutor landed on Somerset soil he promised us the conviction of the murderers within a few days. He criticized the activities of Somerset officials, charged by innuendo that there was bribery and other crookedness abroad, and made us doubt whether there was any truth in Somerset."

The Newark Ledger, through L. T. Russell, publisher, states:

"Simpson's vicious assault upon Mrs. Hall . . . is an insult to every wife and mother in this land, and puts an indelible stigma upon this state and its agents, who are responsible for Simpson."

POLICE SEEK WOMAN, 70, MISSING THREE DAYS

An alarm has been sent out by the Missing Persons Bureau for Esther Schneider, 70, of 916 Prospect Ave., The Bronx, who has been missing from her home three days.

She is slightly lame and uses a cane.

Chicago Gunman's Former Sweetheart Shot by Husband

CHICAGO, Dec. 8 (By U. P.)—Mrs. Margaret West, one-time sweetheart of Martin Durkin, the gunman, was shot to death while she lay in bed at the home of her aunt.

Witnesses said Howard West, her estranged husband, entered the aunt's home and fired five shots at his wife. Three took effect and she died shortly after in a hospital.

West, who was a cousin of Durkin, was alleged to have aided the gunman in his flight after the killing of Federal Agent Edward Shanahan, for whose murder Durkin was convicted and sentenced to thirty-five years in prison.

Mrs. West had gone with Durkin

on one of his early escapades, a trip to Florida, on which he also was accompanied by two other married women.

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